

Amendment No. 1 to SB1373

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1373

House Bill No. 307*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-130(b), is amended by deleting the language "up to one (1) class period during each school week" and substituting instead the language "no more than one (1) class period per school day".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-130, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(g)

(1) A local board of education may adopt a policy to award students credit for work completed in a released time course that is substantiated by a transcript from the entity that provided the released time course. If a board adopts a policy in accordance with this subsection (g), then a student may be awarded one-half (1/2) unit of elective credit for the completion of each released time course.

(2) In order to determine whether elective credit may be awarded for the student's completion of a released time course, the local board of education shall evaluate the course in a neutral manner that does not involve any test for religious content or denominational affiliation. For purposes of this subsection (g), the secular criteria used to evaluate a released time course may include:

(A) The amount of classroom instruction time;

(B) The course syllabus, which reflects the course requirements and any materials used in the course;

(C) Methods of assessment used in the course; and

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(D) Whether the course was taught by an instructor licensed pursuant to chapter 5 of this title.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.